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Message from the Director, Training and Exercise

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Welcome to the May 2011 newsletter.

The Training and Exercise Office has almost completed this year's series of instructor workshops. The final workshop for adjunct instructors will be held in Gilbert on May 11th.

A separate workshop for ADEM employees who are instructors will be on June 8th.

The ADEM Training Standards establish standards concerning instructor conduct including a dress code. Remember that this standard applies to all instructors including employees of the state.

Have a great month.....John

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Special Announcements

We have a new generic email for those who aren't sure where to send things – training@azdema.gov.



Jan, Kathy and Della sitting with Abe Lincoln (Gettysburg, PA)

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We have had great input during the instructor workshops so far and look forward to our final workshop in Gilbert on May 11th. We are taking down your comments, questions & suggestions. Becky & I have received several "finance" suggestions that we are excited about and are currently looking into.

All ADEM courses are paid through grant funding. ADEM is not authorized to "hold" funding and therefore we must request the funding on a course by course basis. The length of time it takes for ADEM to receive the funding varies from grant to grant. It is important for instructors to understand that it will take a minimum of 30 days from the date contracts & travel claims are received in the T&E Office for payments to be processed. Payments are processed upon release of the course funding.

FEMA/ICS Training Programs

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I am happy to see April completed. I feel accomplished with having wrapped up two instructor workshops, 11 courses and the National Training and Exercise Conference. May is just as busy starting out with 15 courses.

I want to thank Show Low and Flagstaff for hosting the Adjunct Instructor Workshops in April. Next stop, Gilbert! This will wrap up the 2011 workshops until 2012. Again, thank you to all that have attended so far and we value your input.

Remember the scantrons that were provided for on-line courses, then went away and then came back again? Well, they have gone away again. Please see Michelle's section for detailed information.

FEMA Certificates Only Classes, MHEPS, CERT TtT Programs

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Due to limited need and improved technology access, as of April 29, 2011, Independent Study exam answers will no longer be accepted on Form 064-0-9 (Scantron). All answers will need to be submitted via the internet at <http://training.fema.gov/IS>.

SAVE THE DATE: We have received word from EMI that Arizona will be one of the few states that will be hosting a **L362: Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools Train-the-Trainer**. The dates selected are **September 12-15, 2011**. If you want to instruct the **MAG364: Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools** for ADEM you will need to attend this training. Keep an eye on this box for upcoming information.

Hazardous Materials & Homeland Security Programs (ADEM Funded & Certificates Only)

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There will be HazMat working groups scheduled in May as soon as I confirm dates and locations. The idea will be to have one North, South and Central, and you can attend whichever is most convenient. While mass input would be ideal, keeping it to small groups will be a greater benefit, and I will then share all comments via email. Proposed agenda is:

--0800-0900: FRO for Law Enforcement (16 hour course)

--0900-1000: FRA (8 hour course) - would like to leave meeting with a solid syllabus of topics and references

--1000-1200: HazMat Tech Coordinator Continuity - timeline, standard schedule, tours, resources, etc.

Any time left will be for open discussion and potential HazMat Continuing Education opportunities. In the meantime, if you're looking for CE and are an active emergency responder, visit <http://www.hazmattraining.com> for hazmat transportation programs.

State Exercise

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Jan Lindner is on vacation.

Planning for the 2011 Statewide exercise and the May 19th IND seminar is ongoing.

Further details to follow...

State Exercise

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April was a busy and productive month for me. We supported a successful Functional exercise conducted by ADHS. We conducted the Wildland Fire tabletop exercise. I had my first visit to the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD. The HSEEP Train-the-trainer class was truly an amazing course due to the great instructors and content. This will be fundamental towards my future endeavors as a new HSEEP instructor.

Some of you were selected as either a facilitator or evaluator for the Faithful Ready exercise in Tucson that was canceled on Jan 21, 2011. I hope to have some further information regarding this event by next month's issue. Thank you for your patience.

Special Needs Populations/State Exercise

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The Functional Assessment Support Team Training in Los Angeles was very good. California has been working this project for some time. Essentially when shelters open teams of individuals with experience in various areas of functional needs are dispatched to the shelters to assess the needs of those being sheltered. The FAST Team members assist shelter managers in getting the resources needed. The function of the FAST team is not to directly provide services, rather to identify needs and assist in getting the needs filled.

I will be forming a work group to determine if this is a path the State should follow. My initial contacts will be with those who assisted in developing the Special Needs Shelter Plan. Anyone interested in joining the group can contact me.

Radiological Emergency Preparedness

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The conditions at the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan continue to have an impact on the worldwide commercial nuclear power industry. Safety reviews are being conducted at all U.S. power plants and it is anticipated that new regulatory guidance will be forthcoming to address earthquake preparedness and, for coastal facilities, enhanced tsunami protective measures. It is not anticipated that the U.S. will suspend the licensing process for new power plant construction. Germany has suspended the renewal process for their nuclear power plants and Russia, site of the Chernobyl accident, is calling for more robust safety standards on a worldwide basis.

State Plans

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Our Assistant Director for Preparedness, Ms. Jan Kimmell, is retiring in May. Please take a moment and congratulate her if you happen to see her in May. We wish her the best!

And, ask your students to consider teaching others, whether it's in doing their own job or in their personal lives.

I recently helped to instruct a class. I must say it is a rewarding experience. I think I got more out of the experience than the students. Have a great month!